



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION GEORGIA HEART MONTH

- WHEREAS: Heart disease is the number 1 killer of Georgians with approximately 22,000 lives lost to major cardiovascular disease in 2014. Georgia ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in the nation in the highest number of heart disease deaths in that same year; and
- WHEREAS: In 2014 there were more than 27,000 heart attacks occurring in Georgia in and approximately 10,000 out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrests with a survival rate of less than 10 percent; and
- WHEREAS: Keeping Georgians healthy and promoting awareness of health issues, including heart disease, is an important responsibility and relies on the actions of many organizations and groups in our state; and
- WHEREAS: Organizations like the Better Outcomes Foundation, Inc. are working to improve the survival rate for out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrest; and
- WHEREAS: Maintaining a strong heart is key to a long and healthy life. Our state is committed to improving the health of our citizens, offering assistance and opportunities to achieve a greater level of overall health; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 2016, as GEORGIA HEART MONTH.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



Nathan Deal  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley  
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